



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held February 13, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

“On February 9, 2007, the Los Angeles Times reported a paraplegic man was allegedly dumped in skid row by a Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center van. Reportedly, Los Angeles Police Department officers responded to the patient dumping and now, the man is being treated at the LAC+USC Medical Center.

“Given the previous episode of homeless patient dumping by Kaiser Permanente’s Bellflower facility as reported by the Los Angeles Times on March 23, 2006, this latest incident with Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center again raises questions regarding the progress in developing comprehensive homeless patient discharge policies and procedures. The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), representing over 170 private and public hospitals and healthcare organizations including all five County hospitals, has partnered with the Department of Health Services to improve homeless patient discharge planning and policies, especially in the areas of acquiring recuperative beds. In spite of these efforts, the continued missteps demonstrate the need to reassess the homeless patient discharge protocols of private and public hospitals and expand recuperative and shelter beds for homeless patients.”

Therefore, on recommendation of Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe, and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a five-signature letter to the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) requesting a report on hospital homeless patient discharge policies and procedures and HASC’s efforts to obtain additional recuperative beds and dedicated shelter beds for homeless patients discharged from private hospitals.

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Letter sent to:

President and CEO, Hospital Association
of Southern California